

**I. IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Kindly amend the specification as follows.

1. Kindly replace the paragraph on page 3, lines 6-7, which begins with “This object is...,” with the following new paragraph:

This object is solved, according to the invention, by a roller ~~with the features of claim 1,~~  
~~particularly for applying varnishes onto sheet metal plates, that includes a hollow roller core (10); pins (16,18) for receiving the roller in a printing machine; coupling elements (20,22) for connecting the pins (16,18) with the roller core (10) so that a roller interior (44) is formed, characterized in that the coupling elements (20,22) are arranged so as to be inwardly offset with respect to the roller front faces (26); air exit openings (32) are provided in a border region (28) of the roller core (10) outside the coupling elements (20,22); and a channel forming element (34) for forming a junction channel (36) between the air exit openings (32) and the roller interior (44) is provided.~~